

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for covering a watch worn on a wrist of a user, the apparatus comprising:

a band ~~portion~~ having a first and second free end and a continuous band portion between said ends for circumferentially surrounding a substantial portion of the watch, the band portion having a desired length ~~including~~ positioned between said first and second free ends; and

a transparent window having a desired length with a first end and a second end, the first end of the window permanently interconnected by heat sealing with the first free end of said band ~~portion~~ and the second end of the window permanently interconnected by heat sealing with the second free end of the band ~~portion~~ so that the transparent window is positioned ~~[[in]]~~ and spans between the first and second free ends of the band ~~portion~~, the transparent window for allowing the user to view a face of the watch;

whereby the apparatus circumferentially surrounds and thereby protects the watch.

2. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is elastic.

3. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is absorbent.

4. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is an open cell foam.

5. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, further comprising at least one heat seal permanently securing the band portion to the window.

6. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the window portion is a clear plastic film.

7. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is disposable.

8. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is an open cell foam, wherein the window is a clear plastic film, and further comprising at least one heat seal permanently securing the band portion to the window.

9. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion has a length and a width, the band portion being elastically deformable along both the length and the width.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the first and second free ends of the band portion are generally parallel to one another, the first free end of the band secured to a first end of the transparent window at a first heat seal, the second free end of the band secured to a second end of the transparent window at a second heat seal.

11.-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 10, wherein the first and second ends of the transparent window extend completely across a width of the band portion.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion has a circumferential length of about 6 inches, a width of about 2.5 inches, and the transparent window has a circumferential length of about 2 inches.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein elastic deformation of the band portion accommodates various sized of wrists and watches.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is securable to the user without additional fastening steps or discrete fasteners.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is constrained of a paint absorbable material.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is elastically deformable along its width to snugly surround a watch.

26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for covering a watch worn on a wrist of a user, the apparatus comprising:

a band having a first and second free end with a band portion between said first and second ends for circumferentially surrounding the watch, the band being elastic and absorbent, the band portion having a desired length and including between said first and second free ends; and

a transparent window for allowing the user to view a face of the watch therethrough the transparent window having a desired length and a first and second end, said transparent window first and second ends being permanently secured proximate the first and second free ends of the band ~~portion~~ by heat seals so that the transparent window is positioned in between the first and second free ends of the band ~~portion~~ spanning between the first and second free ends of the band;

whereby the apparatus is adapted to circumferentially surround varying sized watches and thereby protects the watches.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 26, wherein the apparatus is securable to the user without additional fastening steps or discrete fasteners.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 26, wherein the band portion is constructed of a paint absorbable material.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 26, wherein the band portion is elastically deformable along its width to snugly surround a watch.